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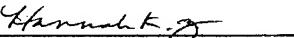
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] Utility [ ] Design [x] nonprovisional [ ] provisional patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Masaki YAMAZAKI**

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For: **SCREW**

- [ ] This is a new patent application.  
[x] This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.  
[ ] This is a provisional patent application.  
[ ] This is a: [ ] Continuation Application  
[ ] Divisional Application  
[ ] Continuation-in-Part Application  
of prior Application Serial No. .

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ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
X	17	Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).
X	61	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
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PRIORITY CLAIMS	
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X	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:  Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-167035, filed June 14, 1999, Priority Claimed Japan Patent Appln. No. 11-167036, filed June 14, 1999, Priority Claimed Japan Patent Appln. No. 2000-15344, filed January 25, 2000, Priority Claimed  of which certified copies thereof
	will follow
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Total Claims	35	20	15	\$18	\$270
Independent Claims	6	3	3	\$84	\$252
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 application Serial No. 10/018,178, filed December 14, 2001  
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